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100 Bi Men: A Survey

By David Lourea

Change comes slowly, piece by piece. Trees grow tall and strong . . .but not overnight. And people's fixed ideas and attitudes do give way to new thoughts and seemingly obvious recognitions, only . . . little by little. Most of the women and a few of the men in my life have been trying to help me see this perspective for a long time. I always expect forests to appear, if not the day after acorns have fallen, then certainly by the end of that week.

I want to thank all those of you who have put up with me handing out my questionnaire and giving my rap at so many of the meetings, parties, and pot lucks this past year. A special thanks to those one hundred men who took the time to fill out the questionnaire and especially to those who added their comments and suggestions and who pointed out where and how the questions were heterosexually oriented. The questionnaire was designed by the National Sex Forum for the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography. Thousands of people have filled it out. Today it is being used by the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, and every person who goes through their doctoral program must do a study of one hundred people using this same questionnaire, as partial completion of that degree. The questionnaire is being revised, and, as a result of this study, bisexual consciousness will be included in the revised questionnaire. Change comes slowly. . .

As I promised, here are the results of that study.

This is a study of 100 men who self-identify as bisexual, using their own criteria for that definition. They range in age from 19 to 69, with 42% of them being in their thirties. 94% of the sample are white, and 56% have never been married. Another 56% are currently not in a primary relationship, and of the 44% that are, only 14 are now married. There is no way for me to tell how many of the remaining 30 are in a primary relationship with women and how many are in a primary relationship with men.

The majority of the sample (56%) have post-graduate degrees, and a total of 74% are at least college graduates, which makes this a very skewed population. About two-thirds of the men have no religious preference and never attend religious services. Most of the men (86%) felt that religious beliefs should be changed to fit the times.

In describing themselves, 79-89 percent of the men felt that they are more liberal than the general population in politics, civil rights and religion, and 98% felt that way about their attitudes toward sex. The only other significant self-description is that 95% of the men like experimenting with new experiences. This may account for why they rank much higher in the number of sexual activities they've tried than the National Sex Forum's statistics using this same questionnaire.

Somewhere between 11.5 and 13 years old is the average age that the men in this study had their first fairly accurate idea about masturbation, sexual intercouse, orgasm and the relationship between sexual intercourse and pregnancy. On the average, the men were a little older when they found out about menstruation--14.1 years old. That average jumps more than two years, 16.4, for when they had their first

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APRIL ARTS FESTIVAL

Imagine, if you will, an evening (not necessarily star-studded but glowing nevertheless) of entertainment consisting of an accomplished baritone singing popular arias from famous operas, erotic prose read by none other than the poet herself, show tunes alla our very own George Gershwin, two short films dealing with the "opposites" within each of us, a "rainbow" of mime, five glorious "Bachian" moments by an accomplished pianist, a dynamic duo singing "their" versions of popular songs and a tour of a captivating restored Victorian home complete with a collection of player pianos -- and you will have imagined what our upcoming "April Arts Festival" - a benefit for the Bi-Center - is all about. And for a mere $3. What's more, the refreshments are to include Middle Eastern hors d'oeuvres, a selection of sweets and cheese, wine, coffee and sparkling cider at a no-host buffet. This is scheduled for Saturday April 15, from 8-11 pm. Available parking is no worse than that any where else in the city. The #21 Hayes, #22 Fillmore and the #5 Fulton stop within ½-1½ blocks. Because the seating is limited to 60 we recommend that you get your tickets early. For more information call Ed Sakir at 285-9626. For tickets send your check to Ed Sakir c/o the Bi-Center.

note: NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Special Topic:
Briggs Initiative
Sun., March 12, 7-10 P.M.
at the Bisexual Center
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fairly accurate idea about homosexuality. Because of the dearth of information and/or consciousness concerning bisexuality, most people might have to leave the question blank if the questionnaire had asked the same thing about bisexuality.

Only 38% of the men ever had a course in school on human sexuality, and more than half of them, 53%, felt they already knew most of the material being covered. 93% of the men felt that sex was important to them, and 69% feel their sexual adjustment has been above average or very much above average.

While the age range for when the men first masturbated to orgasm spans twenty-six years, (ages 2 to 28) 75% of them said between ages 10 and 14, with the mean, mode and median equalling 12. They masturbate an average of 3.5 times a week and interestingly enough, there is no decline in frequency as the men get older. This is also true for the frequency of sexual intercourse with women or with men, both of which have a median of four times a month. Between 81% and 92% of the men reported enjoyed masturbating (92%), having sexual intercourse with women (86%) and having sexual relationships with men (81%) either all the time or most of the time.

18.6 is the average age the men first had sexual intercourse with a woman, which correlates to the National Sex Forum's statistics of 18.5; however, there is a four year difference in the age of when they first related sexually to a man. The average man in this study reported that age to be 19.1, compared to the 15.1 statistical average of the National Sex Forum's study. The total number of men the sample has related to is 73% higher on the average than the total number of women--244.12 compared to 177.12 respectively. Both these figures are higher than those reported by the National Sex Forum--172.7 and 37.8 respectively. The average number of same-sex sexual partners the men have had this year is 33.7, which is three times the total number of other sex sexual partners--10.9. Again, both these figures are higher than those in the National Sex Forum's study--16.8 and 4.5 respectively. Comparing the medians, which might give us a more realistic picture, the total number of men is 8 this year, compared to 4 women.

More than 80% of the men have been exposed to sexually explicit material in books, movies and pictures which depict intercourse, oral-genital contact, Lesbian acts, male homosexual acts, group sex and anal intercourse. That percentage drops to two-thirds when depicting sadomasochism or rape. Their usual reaction to the material is arousal, interest, curiosity and happiness in that order; however, there is an element of discomfort with sadomasochism and disgust is the strongest feeling when the material depicts rape.

Only one man each had not tried intercourse or male homosexual acts, respectively. 98% of the men have tried masturbation, 96% have tried oral-genital contact, 79% have tried group sex and 74% have tried anal intercourse. Only 24% of the men have tried sadism, and 24% have tried masochism. All these figures are higher than those in the National Sex Forum's study. Sadomasochism is the activity the men have enjoyed the least, and the one that the fewest number of men feel they will try in the future.

The questions concerning sex and money do not differentiate between prostitution, surrogate work, erotic massage or making movies. Therefore, it is hard to interpret the next five statistics: 34% have paid a woman for intercourse and 14% have paid a man for intercourse, 13% have been paid by a woman for intercourse and 21% have been paid by a man for intercourse; 11% have been paid by both.

For those people who are interested, a much more detailed summary, including all the tables used, is available at the Bi Center.

I would like to encourage more people to consider going into the field of sexology. There is a need for so much more research, literature, and education, especially coming from a bisexual perspective. Maggi Rubenstein and I, possibly with the help of Margo Rila, are planning on doing future studies of women and men who define themselves as bisexual.

Bi's in the Big Apple

In New York City, there is a sibling organization to ours called the Bisexual Forum. While back east over Christmas vacation, I was able to attend a party of theirs and talk with several members.

Unlike our Bi-Center, there is no office or formal organization. Instead, all the activities take place in the director's apartment, located on the Upper East Side of Manhatten. This arrangement seems to satisfy everyone quite well.

The main activity is a mixed drop-in open rap group once a week. However, as there is a core group who attends, it tends to be more like an on-going group that is still open.

Other activities include a sensitivity workshop, a seminar on bisexuality, a speaker's bureau, a "Biwire" hotline, therapy referrals, as well as occasional parties and mixers. There is also a publication, called the Bi:Times, which comes out quarterly. The issue which I looked at was very unlike our own newsletter, as it contained mostly fictional material.

Overall, the Bisexual Forum is very much more low-key and limited in scope than is the Bi- Center. The director, Chuck Mishaan, as well as other members, were quite amazed and impressed at our wide variety of efforts and activities. But, they noted that in the New York area people are generally more reserved about their sexual identity than in the Bay Area. Also, there are a number of commercial establishments catering to bi's social needs. What everyone I talked to needed and found at the Forum was a "safe" place to say and be who they were. Thus the popularity and success of the rap groups was not surprising.

For further information on the Bisexual Forum, please contact them directly at:

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P.O. Box 686
New York, NY 10028

(212) 988-7626 (tape)
(212) 988-8401 (evenings)

Wally Ropchan

Close Up

Ed Sakir

I think that there is nothing more difficult or painful than "changing." Yet, there is nothing more exhilerating or satisfying. And change has been my life since I began thinking and feeling for myself.

Once I got the ball rolling by opening the first door, I was constantly confronted with doors. Which to open? When? How? How far? What is beyond?

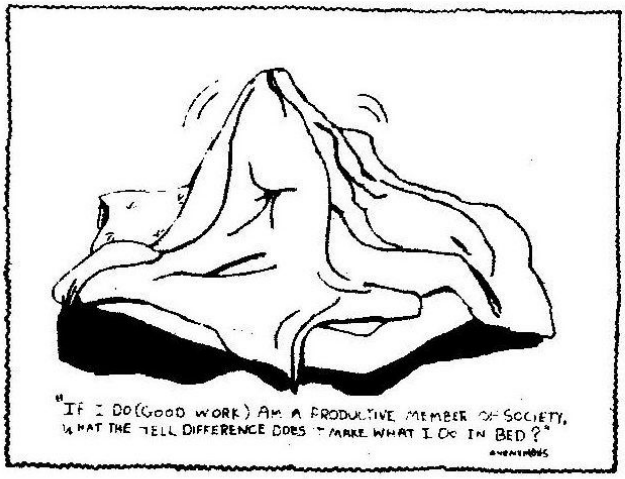
I find that one of the "constants" about discovery is my desire to share its joy. Hence my photography, filmmaking and architecture reflect my lifestyle and values--sharing equally and interacting responsibly. But these seem to be most unsual and sometimes very unpopular.

So where do I find playmates?

The Bi-Center is one good place. Maybe the only place. If not there, than anywhere where eyes and smiles tell the "truth", where there is fun and respect in people's "differences" and where we people don't mind asking "why?"-all three the characteristics of children!

Hot Springs Retreat

We are planning an overnight trip, as a group, to Wilbur Hot Springs, probably in May. The hot springs are located in a beautiful country setting near Clear Lake, about 2 hours drive north of San Francisco. We will arrange a car pool. If you're interested, call 285-9626 (daytime OK) to put your name on the list.



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December 28, 1977

Okay, Nathan, go for it! The mind is a blowable thing so let it blow.

As I sit here in the Dancers' Workshop office plowing through papers, ideas, workshops, performances, community organizations, budgets, letters and all the other parephenalia of the competent artist at work, I find this: a copy of the Bi-Monthly. The Bi-Monthly? What does that have to do with all of those serious and pressing things I'm surrounding myself with? "Read it," says the secretary, "but I want it back." So I do. I do. And goddamn it doesn't have anything to do with my work. It has to do with me.

But I've given up on all that for a few months. I'm resting. I don't want all those SEXUAL ISSUES to keep popping up in my life dance. But they do. They do.

And here I am in a relationship with the Bi-Monthly, almost certain that these few sheets of paper are seducing me. I can feel something reaching out from under my rib cage towards something that's behind what I read in the print. A longing for (Ohmygod) sexual sanity. A way to create a relationship dance that is nourishing and supportive and (is this possible) moral in a very deep sense.

And I'm here at the typewriter thinking "Send five dollars. Go to a meeting. Go to an event. Take a workshop. Volunteer for the Arts Benefit. Check it out." And feeling silly. Its not the words, not the newsletter, but a sense of the people and the spirit behind it. No, not behind it, in me. In me.

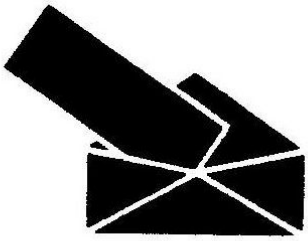
I've been militantly gay and righteously straight and wishy-washy bisexual (oh no, what about androgynous) off and on and off and on and just got tired of searching around for a suitable sexual credential. Draining. And somehow flashing off the Bi-Monthly I sensed the possibility of joy. Naturally I was immediately suspicious of the feeling. After all, I know that sexuality is a hassle and I only suspect that it could be a joy.

And that's that. The mind is a blowable thing. Why am I writing this letter? Why am I writing this check? Why am I feeling foolish about going through a whole page of rigamarole when I could just clip the coupon and send it and know one (no one) would ever have to know (no) that I jumped in and out up down and back over a newsletter.

The possibility of joy. Okay, Nathan, go for it.

N.S.

We get letters



Dear Friends:

We are a broad-based coalition of groups and individuals, formed to mobilize opposition in the San Francisco Bay Area to the Briggs Initiative.

The Briggs Initiative, if enacted, would require school boards to "refuse to hire as an employee any person who has engaged in public homosexual activity or public homosexual conduct." "Public homosexual conduct" is defined as "the advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging, or promoting of private or public homosexual activity directed at, or likely to come to the attention of school children and/or other employees." What this means is that any "teacher, teacher's aide, school administrator or counselor" who advocates gay or bi rights can be fired.

According to the January 12th Chronicle, groups headed by California Defend Our Children are already circulating petitions and anti-gay literature. They have raised more than half a million dollars to finance their campaign.

This initiative is a serious threat to the civil liberties of all Americans.

Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative is beginning a determined effort against this insidious initiative with a Speakout on March 18th. The Speakout is part of a series of coordinated statewide activities during the week of March 14-21 by the California Conference to Defeat the Briggs Initiative.

Paula Lichtenberg, Co-chair — Michael Mank, Co-chair

Please call David Lourea at 626-9661 for further information.

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Cosmic Bisexuality

By Laurie Warner

Perhaps because I have for many years intuitively recognized my own bisexuality, I have also always felt the unity of spirituality and sexuality, of inner and outer connectedness. I feel very blessed in this, for I see many of my acquaintances anguished or perplexed by the seeming conflict between these processes, and I know it is a widespread malaise.

The irreconcilable polarity which many people find between sexuality and spirituality is a manifestation of our cultural predilection to analyze everything into unrelated fragments. I feel that as bisexuals, exploring the middle ground between heterosexuality and homosexuality, we are in a position to make a unique contribution to this issue as well. We are involved in the universal necessity to blend polarities, to integrate and express wholeness.

It is the opinion of most bisexual people I've talked to, and one I emphatically share, that everyone is probably potentially bisexual. I don't mention this too much to devoted straights or gays, because it sounds like blatant proselytizing. There are, however, many non-bisexuals who have explored their own inner possibilities enough to arrive at this conclusion on their own, and it often comes back to me as a spontaneous comment when I discuss my own bisexuality. It is also the conclusion of the Jungian approach to psychology, which finds homosexual feelings constellated in the unconscious of heterosexual people, and heterosexual feelings latent in gays.

Closely related here is the concept of androgyny: the conscious integration of the latent masculine in a woman, the latent feminine in a man. While it is certainly possible to be androgynous and not be actively bisexual, it seems necessary to be strongly androgynous in order to be comfortably bisexual. The polarity of moving between intimacy with women and intimacy with men requires a flexibility in utilizing all the aspects of oneself.

Because all bisexuals are open to both men and women, there is little role differentiation and more common ground between the sexes. Androgyny then follows easily. Among those who are not bisexual, those who are most androgynous seem to be those who are most open to the concept of their own potential bisexuality.

As a Taoist health practioner, I have been trained to facilitate the balancing of body energy for healing and emotional integration, using the diagnostic model of Chinese medicine, and the acupuncture meridians. This work has allowed me to experience directly the biologic reality of unconscious androgyny.

The Chinese distinguish two polar aspects in the life energy, the proverbial Yin and Yang. The Yin is the receptive, intuitive, creative, archetypally feminine; the Yang is the active, catalytic, synergistic, the archetypally masculine.

As I learned to be aware of this life energy, which the Chinese call Ch'i, but is recognized as Prana by the Hindus, Manu by the Hawaiians, and under other names in every culture, I found that the Yin and Yang functions indeed had characteristic "tastes" to them, but as a feminist I had reason to be prejudiced against the ancient, universal teaching of archetypal feminine and masculine forces, which has been so distorted in our culture.

In the body, the left side receives energy and the right side emits it, and so the left is regarded as Yin, the right as Yang. The Taoists understand that polarities never operate in isolation, and so they recognize the Yin within the Yang, and the Yang within the Yin; thus the right foot is receptive and the left emittive, while the right brain segment is intuitive and the left analytical.

Energy blockage in the organs or muscles holds an emotional charge, and is the manifestation of traumas and resistences being "held" in the body. This is an insight that is becoming widely recognized by contemporary body-oriented psychologies, such as the neo-Reichian. These patterns form the psychosomatic matrix in which physiologic dysfunction develops.

Experiencing this in my work, I have come to realize that our mind is not centered just in our brain; the whole body, and

the energies we carry around it, are the psyche. The brain is only the organ of ego awareness; all else is experienced as the unconscious, unless its energies are allowed to move up and connect with consciousness.

It is by just such a process, by opening blocks, connecting currents, and directing awareness into the body, that the charged energies are released, and integration and healing catalyzed. And damned if what is released from the left side of the body isn't the "feminine material" --- feelings about the mother and women, feelings about the women-in-self (regardless of actual gender), fears, hostilities, self-hatreds --- while from the right side of the body flows the corresponding "masculine material".

While each person carries a characteristic pattern of blockage, certain types of material tends to be held in certain places due to the energetic dynamics of the biopsychic process, and if a given person carries a fear of men, for example, it will be found on the right kidney, and not on the left.

Thus I now understand androgyny as the unconscious reality of the body. There is no sexual differentiation of function on the energy level. In fact, the ovaries, which carry the brunt of deep childhood and birth traumas, appear in the same patterns of blockage on men as women, although there are naturally no corresponding physical organs.

The bisexual/androgyne does not escape the blocks which afflict most of us in this person-suppressing society, but because openness and a flowing sense of self are characteristic of the bisexual attitude, we have a unique opportunity to explore and actualize our androgynous reality, our feminine/masculine wholeness.

Through exploring our inner potentials for embodying the opposite sex and embracing the intimacy of the same sex, integrating and expressing Yin and Yang, we also connect ourselves into a network of loving energy exchanges with those around us, and into the Yin and Yang in all things.

There is something cosmic in the wholeness of bisexuality, something in its flow that beautifully blends the energies of sexuality and spiritually. Deeply realized bisexuality can be a path to experience of the seemless unity of being.

I find bisexuality a very Taoist lifestyle.

What I Need Is:
In Contemplation of Bisexuality

What I need is
an angular man
with muscles and bones
built for thrusting
or maybe

what I need is
a satin-skinned woman
with fingers that dance
on my body
or maybe

what I need is
a Trojan Horse lover
who is really a woman
named Helen, in hiding,
or maybe

what I need is
a magical man
who grows gardens of herbs
and heals with the laying
on of his hands
or maybe

what I need is
a lyrical lady
with hair down to here
who writes poems and songs
about me for a change,
or maybe

what I need is
a sensual socialist
androgynous feminist
who doesn't smoke cigarettes
or maybe

love is like water
and when you find out
you need it, who cares
where it comes from,
or maybe

everyone is a well
just waiting for me
to send my ladel down.

Ronda Slater
11.24.77

MORE LETTERS

Dear People,

I am writing to explain why I am not renewing my membership in the Bisexual Center. As a 37-year-old single man, I feel the Bi Center is not responsive to the needs of men. Certainly the articles for and about feminist causes very heavily outnumber those by and for bisexual men--our relationships with ourselves and with women.

You see, the feminist movement is fine for women. However, I don't qualify for womanhood. That leaves me with little outlet for the things I experience and want to learn from others. No matter the arguments to the contrary, the feminist movement has done nothing for the interpersonal needs of men beyond creating awareness.

The Bi Center would do well to read "Abortion and Men" in the January issue of Esquire as an example of the type of things that can be done about the forgotten feelings of men. We are criticized for not giving vent to our feelings, but the messages we get from everywhere--other men, women--are, "Men's feelings don't count, only women's do."

We men need to get our acts together but it can't be done in isolation. Only by communicating with each other and with women can we hope for change. So far, the communication I get from the Bi Center is only one direction, the feminist direction. Therefore, I am withdrawing my membership.

Sincerely, D.K.

Dear D.K.,

Thank you for writing to us and honestly expressing your feelings. We heartily agree with you that there is a paucity of articles by and for bisexual men. Unfortunately, due to a lack of people resources, we receive extremely little material on such issues. We try our best to encourage members and friends of the Bi-Center to submit material for the newsletter, but not many ever do. And of those who do, only a few are men. Most of the work that the newsletter committee does is in putting it together, and not in writing the major articles. If you or anyone else knows of, has, or would like to write articles relating to bisexual or androgynous men, please contact us. The newsletter committee would be very happy to have you share your talents with us.

Wally Ropchan

POETRY

My bisexuality means living a contradiction.
It means loving wholly.
So why do i feel so splintered?
It means loving
With discrimination
Non-sexist growing men
So why do i judge myself so unrestrictedly?
It means loving women
With vision and a full spirit
So why do i hide?

At times i am in the past
Before a feminist-lesbian movement was birthed.
Waiting to come out with my sisters
And live my life of loving women in the light.
Other times i live in the future
Beyond schisms and judgments and isolation . . . .
A past and future life
Because
Now feels so painful.

i am learning so slowly to trust myself.
To love the way i am in the world
And not contort my being into
Boxes.
i know there is Being-ness in each person I love
i need to love myself in this loving
And not trash myself with
Correct
Political
Lines.

i am learning to trust other bisexual women
As we say hello to each other
With our warm laughter and tears
On an island
That may prove to be not so
Small.
i am moving with them
And i don't feel so afraid.

Nikki Blue
1/15/78

POTLUCKS

There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday, March 18, 7-11 PM at David Lourea & Lee Olivier's house, 48 Pierce Street, San Francisco. Please bring food & liquids to share. Cost is $1.50 donation for members and $2.50 for non-members. Call David at 626-9661 if you have any questions.

There will also be a potluck dinner on Saturday, April 22, 7-11 PM at the Bi Center, 544 Market Street, Suite 305, San Francisco. Please arrive as close to 7 PM as possible and bring food & liquids to share. Cost is $1.50 donation for members and $2.50 for non-members. Call Bruce Cowan at 626-3131 if you have any questions.

Women's Party

There will be a women's party at the Bi Center on Friday, March 10, from 7:30 - 10:00 PM. Bring munchies and drinks to share. A donation of $1.50 for members and $2.50 for non-members will be collected.

Men's Party

There will be a men's party at the Bi Center on Friday, March 31, from 7:30 - 10:00 PM. Bring food and drink to share. A donation of $1.50 for members and $2.50 for non-members will be collected.

Bridge Night

Whether you play Blackwood, Gerber or Staymen; bid a short club or preferential minors, let's find out how many of us are bridge lovers and add to our lists of possible fourths. Bring your bidding conventions and munchies (if you like) to the Bi center, 544 Market Street, Suite 305, San Francisco, on Monday night, March 13th or April 3rd and we'll play some bridge from 7:00-10:00 PM.

May Dance

The first organizing meeting for a May Dance will be held Thursday March 9, at 7:30 at the Bi Center. Margaret Ann Cockrell needs helpers. If you want to see a terrific dance happen, be there. We'd love to see some new faces!

Workshop

APPLIED MEDITATION WORKSHOP

This workshop, led by Margo Adair, will teach us how to use the meditative state to make practical changes in our lives, rather than pacifying us. We will look at how external circumstances effect our internal processes and vice versa. We will learn how to establish a rapport between our conscious and "sub-conscious" so we can act effectively rather than being at odds with ourselves.

The particular techniques offered will be shaped by the needs of the women and men who participate.

Margo Adair has been teaching Applied Meditation for the past five years.

We will meet on Thursday night, April 6, at 7:30pm at 370 Precita, San Francisco. The fee is a sliding scale of $2 - $10, less $1 for members of the Bi Center. Call 647-3715 for further information.

We Want To Meet You

At this time the Bi Center has approximately 550 members, with equal numbers of men and women. The majority live in California with more than half living in the San Francisco Bay area. About 20% are students, but our membership comfortably covers a very broad range of ages and life styles. We send out over 1000 newsletters each mailing to members, schools, counseling centers, magazines, newspapers and interested persons. We have members in 31 states and 3 provinces of Canada, making the newsletter one of the most crucial and exciting of our activities. Most of our members never meet face to face, which we'd like to do something about. David Lourea and Jerry White are coordinating this year's annual meeting, which we hope to develop into a weekend-long celebration of bi-sexuality, including speakers, panels, rap groups, films and an art show. The tentative dates are September 16 and 17, so start thinking about being in San Francisco that weekend. We want to meet you! We need your energy. If you want to help make it happen, call the Bi Center and leave a message for Jerry, call David at 626-9661 or drop a line to the center.

Community Bulletin Board

free rap groups

The Pacific Center in Berkeley, 2329 San Pablo Ave., 841-6224 (or toll-free from some parts of S.F., 444-5555) has a married gay/bi men's drop-in rap group (for those involved in heterosexual marriages) every Wednesday at 7:30pm; a wives' support group (for those married to, or in a relationship with, gay/bi men) every first and third Wednesday at 7:30pm; and an open bi women's rap group the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

Please contact the Pacific Center for further details.

The Bi Center has an open bisexual rap group for women and men which meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, at our office at 544 Market Street, Suite 305, San Francisco. Call 982-1858 if you have any questions.

The women's support group at the Bi center on Wednesday nights is closed at this time. If there are women interested in starting a second women's group, please drop a note to the Bi center, P.O. Box 26227, San Francisco, Ca. 94126

Belated Acknowledgement

We forgot to thank Jerry White for contributing his photograph of the Flatiron Building (where our office is located), shown on page 7 of the January/February 1978 issue of the Bi Monthly. Thanks, Jerry!

Invitation to Closet Writers

So far, most of the contributions to our newsletter have been serious, non-fictional articles and reports. However, we welcome poetry, fiction, and graphics as well. If you've been thinking about sending in some fiction, or poetry, or whatever, don't be shy--do it!

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OFFICE HOURS

The office hours at the Bisexual Center are 3pm-6pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The address is 544 Market Street Suite 305, San Francisco.

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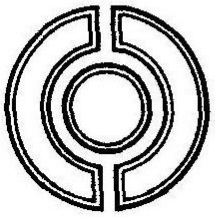

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